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**State & Local passes bill to streamline
legislative process**

Bill would save over \$850,000 in taxpayer funds

(Nashville) – Legislation sponsored by **Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey (R-Blountville)** which would streamline the legislative process and save taxpayer dollars has cleared the state Senate's State and Local Government Committee by a vote of 6 to 3.

Lt. Governor Ramsey's bill, [Senate Bill 725](#), avoids duplication in state government by eliminating eleven joint oversight committees and shifting their responsibilities to the standing committees of each house of the General Assembly. The fiscal note attached to the bill estimates \$851,800 would be saved after passage.

"Private businesses all across the State of Tennessee are being forced to maximize efficiency in the face of limited resources," said Lt. Governor Ramsey. "It is only appropriate that we in government do the same. This bill saves tax dollars and streamlines the way we do business at the legislature."

The bill would abolish the following committees assigning their responsibilities to the appropriate standing committee: select oversight committee on corrections; select committee on children and youth; select oversight committee on education; health equity commission; select oversight committee on TennCare; joint select committee on business taxes; joint committee on children's services; charitable gaming oversight committee; select committee on the Tennessee education lottery corporation; special joint committee on workers' compensation issues; and the select oversight committee on long term care.

The companion bill, [House Bill 1097](#), is currently on the House State & Local Subcommittee calendar for tomorrow, March 15. That bill is sponsored by **Speaker Beth Harwell (R-Nashville)** and **House Majority Leader Gerald McCormick (R-Chattanooga)**.